Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the indicated paragraphs with the following replacement paragraphs. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1), the full text of the replacement paragraph includes markings showing all changes made.

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0020] ~~Fig. 5 shows~~ Figs. 5(a) and (b) show sectional views of the airbag apparatus shown in Fig. 1 and the airbag apparatus shown in Fig. 4 in the state in which a module cover is pressed at one end thereof.

[0023] As shown in Fig. 3, the retainer 10 has a rectangular main plate 11, and an opening 12 for receiving the inflator 30 is formed in the main plate 11. In addition, insertion holes 13 for receiving stud ~~bolds~~ **bolts** 25 provided on the airbag attachment ring 24 are provided in a peripheral region around the opening 12.

[0029] A portion of the airbag 20 around the inflator insertion hole 22 is placed on a portion of the main plate 11 of the retainer 10 around the opening 12 for receiving the inflator 30, and then the airbag attachment ring 24 is placed thereon. The stud ~~bolds~~ **bolts** 25 are inserted through bolt-insertion holes 23 provided in the airbag 20 in the peripheral region around the inflator-insertion hole 22 and the bolt-insertion holes 13 provided in the retainer 10. Then, the stud ~~bolds~~ **bolts** 25 are inserted through bolt-insertion holes 32 provided in a flange 31 of the inflator 30, and nuts 26 are fastened to the stud ~~bolds~~ **bolts** 25 (see Fig. 1). Accordingly, the airbag 20 and the inflator 30 are attached to the retainer 10.

A module cover 40 includes a projecting portion 42 which is provided with notches 43, and a reinforcing member 60 is fixed to the projection portion 42 with rivets 65. Protruding tabs 63 are provided integrally with the reinforcing member 60, and brackets 16 are provided integrally with a retainer 10. Horn switches are interposed between extending portions 16b of the brackets 16 and the protruding tabs 63.